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1. (ORIGINAL) A method of applying a silicone caulking compound, comprising the steps of:

applying a bead of silicone caulking compound to a surface;
spraying a cationic surfactant on the bead of silicone caulking compound before the bead of silicone begins to set; and
wiping excess silicone caulking compound from the surface, the cationic surfactant lubricating the surface to prevent smearing of the silicone caulking compound.

2. (NEW) A method of applying a silicone caulking compound to a surface and preventing undesired adhesion of the silicone caulking compound to areas of the surface adjacent the silicone caulking compound, the method comprising the steps of:

applying a bead of silicone caulking compound to the surface;
applying a cationic surfactant to the bead of silicone caulking compound and areas of the surface adjacent the bead of silicone caulking compound before the bead of silicone begins to set; and

following application of the cationic surfactant, wiping excess silicone caulking compound from the surface, whereby the cationic surfactant functions as a surface lubricant and prevents adhesion of the silicone caulking compound to the undesired areas of the surface.

3. (NEW) A method of applying a silicone caulking compound to a dry surface and preventing undesired adhesion of the silicone caulking compound to areas of the dry surface adjacent the silicone caulking compound, the method comprising the steps of:

freeing the dry surface of any debris prior to applying the silicone caulking compound;

applying a bead of silicone caulking compound to the dry surface;
applying a cationic surfactant to the bead of silicone caulking compound and areas of the dry surface adjacent the bead of silicone caulking compound before the bead of silicone begins to set; and

following application of the cationic surfactant, wiping excess silicone caulking compound from the dry surface, whereby the cationic surfactant functions as a surface lubricant and prevents adhesion of the silicone caulking compound to the undesired areas of the dry surface; and

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allowing the silicone caulking compound to set on the dry surface for at least four hours.

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